

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A surround entertainment system ~~configured for use with a fireplace, the system comprising:~~
a fireplace with a front panel and a support structure on both sides of the fireplace;
a decorative surround, the surround comprising a horizontal member defining a top of the surround and vertical members disposed below the horizontal member and defining sides of the surround, the horizontal and vertical members together forming an internal space sized to surround the fireplace, the surround being a modular unit that is disposed between the support structure and the front panel providing a transition between the support structure and the front panel of the fireplace;
a display monitor coupled to the surround;
a sound system positioned at least partially within the surround.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a signal module positioned at least partially within the surround and configured to provide a video signal to the display monitor and an audio signal to the sound system.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor is movable between a display position wherein a display screen of the display monitor is viewable, and a retracted position wherein the display screen is not viewable.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the surround defines a first cavity sized to receive the sound system.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the surround further includes an access panel sized to cover the at least one cavity to conceal the sound system.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein the signal module is~~ a digital video device.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor includes a liquid crystal display (LCD) screen.
8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the sound system includes at least one speaker device.
9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor is movable in a vertically upward direction between a generally horizontal retracted position and a generally vertical display position.
10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor is movable in a vertically downward direction between a generally horizontal retracted position and a generally vertical display position.
11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the surround includes a mantel member that extends generally horizontally across a width of the surround, and the display monitor is mounted to the mantel.
12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the surround defines a cavity sized to enclose ~~the~~ a signal module.
13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 12, wherein the surround further includes an access panel configured to cover the cavity to conceal the signal module.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor, the sound system, and the a signal module are configured for control from a remote location.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein ~~the surround includes a top horizontal member and first and second vertical side members,~~ and the display monitor and a signal module are mounted in the ~~top~~ horizontal member and the sound system is mounted in at least one of the side vertical members.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the display monitor is coupled to the surround with a mounting assembly, the mounting assembly including at least one pair of linkage members and a biasing member.

17- 21.(Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An audio and video entertainment module, comprising:
a fireplace with a front panel and a support structure on both sides of the fireplace;
a decorative surround for the fireplace, a heating appliance the surround comprising a
horizontal member defining a top of the surround and vertical members
disposed below the horizontal member and defining sides of the surround, the
horizontal and vertical members together defining an internal space that is
sized to surround the fireplace, the surround being a modular unit that is
disposed between the support structure and the front panel providing a
transition between the support structure and the front panel of the fireplace;
a display screen coupled to the surround and configured to provide a video display in response to a video signal; and
a sound system positioned at least partially within a recessed portion of the surround and configured to provide sound in response to an audio signal.

23. (Original) The entertainment module of claim 22, wherein the surround includes at least one access panel configured to conceal at portion of the sound system from view.

24. (Original) The entertainment module of claim 22, wherein the display screen is movable between a display position and a concealed position.

25. (Currently Amended) The entertainment module of claim 22, wherein the sound system includes first and second speakers, and the surround defines a first cavity in a first vertical member and a second cavities cavity in a second vertical member, the cavities sized to enclose the first and second speakers.

26-29. (Cancelled)

30. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising insulative or heat reflective materials positioned in the surround to isolate electronic devices within the surround from heat generated by the fireplace.

31. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the surround has a one-piece construction.

32. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the surround has a multipiece construction.

33. (New) The entertainment module of claim 22, further comprising insulative or heat reflective materials positioned in the surround to isolate electronic devices within the surround from heat generated by the fireplace.

34. (New) The entertainment module of claim 22, wherein the surround has a one-piece construction.

35. (New) The entertainment module of claim 22, wherein the surround has a multipiece construction.